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SIR,

IN a late Letter, I endeavoured to shew, that the *Craftsmen* (warm in their Country's Interest, and deeply learn'd as they would seem) were either ignorant of the Meaning of the Word *Patriotism*, or, if they were not, acted upon Principles diametrically repugnant to [illegible] Meaning: And tho' I might be inclined, [illegible] many glaring Blunders and Inconsistencies [illegible] Essays, to doubt the Profundity of their [illegible]on, I shall chuse rather to impute their frequent Absurdities to a certain *Malevolence of Heart* [illegible]*rance*. Men, infected with this malignant [illegible], can neither see truly, nor write coherently; [illegible]minds being wholly bent upon deceiving and [illegible]ing others, no wonder they themselves should [illegible] frequently into Error and Absurdity. To [illegible]*olence of Heart* then, and to this alone, are [illegible]scribe the Blunders and Inconsistencies of our [illegible] *Journalists*; 'twas it that in the Beginning, [illegible]d them to appear in maintenance of an *unjust Cause*, which now it prompts them to support [illegible]radiction not only to their own, but to the [illegible]randing, and even the Interest of those whom [illegible]ad, for a Series of Years, endeavour'd to deceive. All their Writings, particularly the last [illegible]ers, prove what is here alledged to a Demonstration.

[illegible]IRST the *Spanish* Depredations were under [illegible]sideration of Parliament, and long before, these [illegible]rs were continually informing their Readers, [illegible]ery justly, that our *Landed* and *Commercial* Interest was one and the same; that as *Land* had little Value than what it acquired by *Trade*, all Money given the latter, must necessarily affect the former; and that therefore the Depredations of *Spain* were to be looked upon as injurious to both. Now, it seems, the Tune is chang'd; the Interest of the *Merchant* is distinct from that of the *Landed Man*; If the *first* can have his Trade secured for the Future, and Reparation made him for his past Loss, he is not to put up with the *lame Recompence*, unless the *Landed Gentleman* be re-imbursed the vast Sum he had expended to procure him all the Reparation and Security he wished for; nay, he is not to be [illegible]wn contented with the intire Accomplishment of what he *petition'd* for to the *King* and *Parliament*. Should this be not separating the *Landed* and *Commercial* Interest; if it be not obviously distinguishing between the Interest of the *Trader* and *Landed Man*, I own myself ignorant of the Nature of Distinction and Separation: But, that it may appear so in its proper Light, take it in the last *Craftsman's* own Words. 'The Merchant, therefore, as the *Landed Gentlemen* have, with great Chearfulness, engaged to assist the *Merchants* in recovering their Losses, it is to be *expected* from the *Merchants*, (if they ever hope for the like Assistance again) that they will not, by their *Discourses* and Acquiescence with *lame Recompence*, desert the *Landed Gentlemen* in their Endeavours to recover, to their Parts, Satisfaction for the *Charges* incurr'd in this Affair, &c.' Here, then, is a plain Separation of Interests, by those very Men, who, on other Occasions, would admit of none; as, in Truth, they ought not, if they would be thought consistent with themselves, or were so zealous and hearty for the publick Welfare, as they pretend to be: But, [illegible]ed to the Soul, that their Country is like to be [illegible]volv'd, and free from all the concomitant Calamities of a *War* with *Spain*, they chuse rather to be inconsistent with themselves, than let slip any Opportunity of starting new *Difficulties* that might obstruct, or at least retard the Tranquillity and Inrichment of their Mother-Country. It is not enough that *Spain* consents to do us all the *Justice* we had any right to exact from her, but we are still to insist that she does what this very *Author* owns, she is not in a Condition to perform, were she willing; and, what, should we be so unwise as to exact it, could not fail of drawing the Power of *France* upon us. 'But, say they, tho' *Spain* be unable to reimburse the 500,000*l.* expended by the *Country Gentlemen*, (suggesting that the *Merchant* contributed not a Shilling towards the Expence which gives Rise to this fresh Demand) she should be obliged to put *St. Jago de Cuba*, or some as valuable a Pledge into our Hands, to be forfeited, upon Failure of Payment, at a Time limited.

THIS, I confess, is speaking plainer, and pulling off the *Anti-patriot* Mask more ingenuously than could have been expected from those, who had most carefully endeavour'd to cover their secret Designs, and hide their real Meaning for a full Dozen Years, and more. But that devouring *Malevolence of Heart* with which I charge them at the Beginning of my Letter, forces them at last out of the Obscurity and Ambiguity with which they had for so many Years artfully cover'd their real Intentions. But however powerful the Influence of this *Malevolence* be, it has not been able to force them quite out of the Intrenchments of their Art and Cunning. For being sensible that it may be objected to this Part of their Scheme, that *France* would certainly join *Spain* in opposing an Exaction of this new and extraordinary Nature, they take uncommon Pains to shew the Incapacities she is under of entering into a Quarrel with us in favour of *Spain*, even supposing she should be inclin'd: Nay, the Author of the last Week, goes yet a far greater Length, and roundly tells us, it would be our Interest that *France* should enter into the Quarrel, that we might have Opportunity of pulling her down. He shall speak for himself—— 'I remember when we destroy'd the *Spanish Fleet*, near the Coast of *Sicily*, the best Reason that was ever given for it was, that we ought not in Policy to suffer another Naval Power to arise; and I am sure it is as good a Reason, in relation to *France*, that we ought not to suffer *another Rival in Trade* to arise.'

HERE we may perceive the Drift and genuine Views of this *Patriot Director* of his Country, in making this new Demand upon *Spain* in favour of his *Landed Gentlemen*. He apprehends the *Merchant* may, from the Effects of the late *Convention*, have intire Satisfaction for his past Losses, and his Trade secur'd to him for the Time to come; but this, not answering his Purposes of War and general Confusion, he would persuade the well-meaning peaceable *Trader* into a Dislike of what he most ardently wish'd for, and even into Discontent and Sedition, if cause be not given to *France* for entering into the Quarrel, in order to oppose this fresh, unthought-of *Demand* upon *Spain*, which he owns she is unable to comply with. But that the industrious *Trader* should not be frighten'd into Obedience and Thankfulness to *those* that had procur'd him all he could wish for without Interruption to his Commerce, he is first told, that it would be his Interest to pull down so formidable a Commercial Rival as *France*; and next, he is presented with an inviting Portraiture of her Inabilities.——How rapidly has this same *France* declin'd in Power and Strength within a few Months last past! 'twas but the 18th of last *March* that this same *Political Juggler* told us, *That they* (the *French*) *have work'd themselves into every Branch of Commerce, &c. so that they are now become dangerous to all* Europe, *&c.* Here we see *France*, in *March*, so formidable and powerful, so possess'd of *Every Branch of Commerce*, that she is become *dangerous* to all *Europe*; yet the *October* following, she is painted labouring under so many Incapacities and Inabilities, that any one may venture to pull her old *Minister*, and even her grand *Monarch*, by the Whiskers, without any the least Apprehension of her Power or Resentment But this is not the only glaring Inconsistency in this Author's Writings relating to *France* In his last *Journal*, calculated chiefly to spirit up the *Merchants* into a Dislike of their Interest, and indeed every thing but Improbabilities, he tells us, that *however ready* France *may be to make Appearances or Declarations to such a Purpose*, (that is, to support *Spain* against our Author's fresh Demand upon her) *yet when it comes to the Point, she will hardly venture it, in her present Circumstances*, &c. Poor *France*! how desperately bad are her *Circumstances* become, since she alone was able to withstand the united Efforts of almost all the Powers of *Europe*, during the Reigns of King *William* and Queen *Anne*! Strange! that she that was so lately as last *March*, by our Author's own Confession, thought to be *Dangerous to all* Europe, should, in so few Months, become so reduc'd in Spirit and Power, as that she will *hardly venture in her present Circumstances*, to assist *Spain*, supported with 100,000 as good Troops as any in *Europe*, 30 or 40 Sail of Ships of War and the Treasures of *Mexico* and *Peru*, against the single Force of *Great Britain*. But our *Journalist*, it seems, was of another Opinion concerning this weak, pusilanimous *France*, the 18th of last *March*; he did not at that time imagine that she was so easily to be frighten'd from the Interest of her Neighbour and *Close Ally*. For, speaking of the *Spanish* Depredations as an Insult concerted between *France* and *Spain*, he says, *Indeed, they seem to act in concert, and to be playing the Game into each other's Hand*——One can't well suppose that the *Circumstances* of that cunning Gamester are much worse at this Time than they were so few Months ago, when she was *Dangerous to all Europe*; nor that she is now less inclin'd to support her *Partner*, than when our *Author* assur'd us, *they seem'd to act in concert, and were playing the Game into each other's Hand* And yet, if we may take his *present Word* for't, her *Circumstances*, her Inclinations, the whole Scene is chang'd and alter'd.

THUS, Sir, you see the wicked Shifts to which they are reduced, who embark in a bad Cause; you see the Incoherencies and Inconsistencies they fall into, that are actuated by that *Malevolence of Heart* with which I charge these *Mock Patriots*. As they subsist by *Fraud* and *Deception*, they are obliged to vary and differ from themselves, according to the Occasions that happen. A permanency of Tenets and Positions being inconsistent with their private Views, they are obliged to gloss over and diversify their Reasonings, according to the Alterations they observe in the Scene of publick Affairs. *Our Merchants* are like to be pleased, because they are like to have Reason for being so But that which should give the *Merchant*, the *Landed Gentleman*, and, indeed, the whole People, the highest Pleasure, gives the greatest Disquiet, the most exquisite Pain to those who centre all their Hopes in publick Confusion, Murmurings and Discontent. They have set their Hearts upon *War*, as the only Means by which their Country was to be involved to their Wish; and all the salutary Steps taken by our *Statesmen* for inriching their Country, by procuring her *Justice* without *War*, are so many *Poinards* in the Hearts of those who pant after the *impoverishing Evil*. But, Sir, if I may judge of our *Merchants* by myself, or by those Eminent Ones I daily converse with, they not only gratefully concur in the *Measures* taken for procuring them *Peace* and Security for their *Commerce*, but abhor and detest all those *false Brethren* who endeavour to divert and obstruct them. I am,

Your most humble Servant,

S. EXP[illegible]

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Oct. 26. Yesterday the Presbytery met, and had represented an extraordinary Instance of the noted Strang's abominable Conduct, having, in less than six Months, married a Man to two different Women. It seems he has consented to sign his Act of Banishment, which makes the Clergy easy, having particularly recommended to the Procurator and Agent for the Church, to provide against his getting out before that Time.

The Royal Infirmary represented, by George Drummond, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Excise, that they had begun the Erection of a fine House, sufficient to entertain 70 Patients; but that their Charter expressly confining them not to make Use of any Part of the Capital Stock, they were obliged to apply to well-disposed Christians for their charitable Contributions, in order to carry on such a pious Work: Therefore petitioned the Reverend Presbytery would appoint a Day for a publick Collection at the Church Doors, to promote that good

good End. The Presbytery unanimously granted their Request, and appointed the third Sunday of December for that Purpose; at the same Time requiring the Gentlemen concerned, to acquaint the Honourable Magistrates of Edinburgh of this Resolution, and procure their Concurrence. Resolved and agreed, in respect of the extraordinary Steps taken by the Magistrates of this City, in Appealing the late Question touching the Translation of Mr. Wallace, to a Civil Judicature, &c. That, for justifying the Presbytery's Conduct, and transmitting to Posterity a just Account thereof, a Summary of the Magistrates Bill and Reasons of Suspension, together with the Presbytery's Answers, be recorded in their Books. Then, after reading the Summons of Reduction and Declarator at the Magistrates Instance, and making some Objections to the Words *real Ministers*, contained therein, appointed a Committee, and empowered it to do every thing competent to the Presbytery to do, in Defence of the just Rights and Privileges of the Church, and of every particular Judicatory, Minister and Member thereof; and to report.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Cadiz, Oct. 21. *N.S* On the 17th Instant arrived the Adventure, Gehen, from Hamburgh; the Thomas, Lade, from Newfoundland. On the 20th, sailed the Friends, Wilson, for Gibraltar; and the Mathew, Lambert, for Seville.

Alicant, Oct. 22. Arrived since my last, the Pike, Pike; the Mary and Elizabeth, Foller; the Dove, Thomas; the Drake, Nicholls; and the Two Brothers, Forth, from Newfoundland; the Joseph and Jane, Champion, from Whitby; and the Endeavour, Dunbar, from Dunbar.

Carthagena, Oct 22. Arrived since my last, the Unity, Hunter, from London.

Naples, Oct. 21. *N.S.* Arrived since my last, the Westmoreland, Shank, from London and Cadiz; the Britannia, Vernon; the Placentia, Brooks; and the Loyalty, Wallis, from Newfoundland.

Leghorn, Oct 27. *N.S.* Arrived on the 21st the Hannah, Tilyer, from Newfoundland: On the 22d, the Figueira Merchant, Chappell, from Salonica. On the 17th, sailed the Phœnix, Ellis, for Georgenti.

HOME PORTS.

Plymouth, Oct. 29. Since my last, came in the Neptune, Gouger, of and from Ramsgate for Vigo; and the Helen, Frye, of and from Southampton for Lisbon.

Dartmouth, Oct. 29. This Day arrived the George, Pridie, in 15 Days from Newfoundland. Sailed the Nathaniel, Hayman, of Exon from Newfoundland for Bilbao; and the Marquis, Gardner, of and from London for Cadiz. Blows hard at East.

Weymouth, Oct. 30. Yesterday came into this Harbour, by contrary Winds, the Richard, Drum, from Oporto for London. Wind E

Pool, Oct. 30. Since my last, came in the Hanover, Linthorn, of and for this Place from Lisbon; and the Polly, Bound, from Trinity Bay in Newfoundland.

Portsmouth, Oct. 30. Since my last, came in the Louisa, Hans Mow, from Bourdeaux. Sailed the Infant Duke, Webb, for Port Louis; the Two Brothers, Stiles, and the Ann and Elizabeth, Walker, both for Havre de Grace; the Diamond, White, for Lisbon; and the Brack Dutch Man of War, Capt. William Van Wassinuer, for Cadiz. Also are sailed from the Mother Bank, the Sweden, a Swedish Man of War, and the Patriarch, Israel Elkman, of the same Country, and both for Constantinople.

Remain at Spithead his Majesty's Ships the Amelia, Kent, Elizabeth, Lenox, Augusta, Sunderland, Mahone, Shoreham, Dursley, Hound, Spy, Cruiser, and Terrible. Wind at S E.

Deal, Oct. 31. Wind S. S. E. Remains the Chester Man of War; with the Micklethwaite, Giles, for Lisbon; the Providence, Norcomb, for Falmouth and the Streights; and the Minerva, Alden, for Philadelphia. Just now are come to an Anchor in the Downs, the Walpole, Boddam, and the Duke of Lorain, Crompton, both for East India.

Gravesend, Oct. 31. Passed by the Mary, Harding, from Rotterdam; the White Pidgeon, Courier, from Bremen; and the Hopewell, Long, from Norcopen.

LONDON.

A Mail arrived Yesterday from France, but brought nothing Material.

His Majesty was Yesterday pleased to make the following Promotions in the Army, viz. Col. Guise, Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regiment of Foot Guards, to be Colonel of the Regiment lately commanded by Lieutenant General Dormer, who was some time ago promoted to one of the Troops of Horse Grenadiers.

The Hon. Col. Howard of the second Regiment of Foot Guards, to be Colonel of the Regiment late Lieutenant General Sutton's.

Col. John Campbell, to be Colonel of the Scotch Fuzileers, late Sir James Wood's.

The Right Hon. Lord James Cavendish, of the third Regiment of Guards, to be Colonel of the Regiment late Cornwallis's, who lately had Brigadier Montague's Regiment. And

Col. Onslow of the first Regiment of Foot Guards, to be Colonel of the Regiment late Colonel John Campbell's.

The Regiments above-mentionedy are all upon the Irish Establishment.

The Rev. Dr. Eyre, Brother to the late Lord Chief Justice Eyre, and one of the Canons of the Cathedral of Sarum, died last Week in that City.

And on Thursday last died the Rev. Mr. Thomas Dancer, Minister of Durston and Dallington, near Northampton

On Wednesday next the Dean and Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of Bristol, are to meet by a general Summons of the Chapter, to Elect the Rev Dr. Butler into that See, in the room of Dr. Gooch, lately translated to the See of Norwich.

Yesterday Morning a Fire broke out in the Two Pair of Stairs Room in the Duke of Kent's House in St. James's Square; but by timely Assistance, it was happily Extinguished without doing much Damage. This Accident happened soon after their Graces went out of Town for their Seat in Bedfordshire.

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